

IN THROES OF WAR FEVER

The French Public is Getting Excited.

OVER MOROCCO SITUATION

Armies Active on the Frontier—Government and Diplomatic Circles Deny That Crisis Is at Hand.

Paris, June 24.—The French public is in the throes of the war fever for the first time since the Fashoda incident. Whether it will result in anything serious depends on Germany's response to the French note on Morocco, but, without considering the exact status of the diplomatic negotiations, a considerable element of the public and press seriously discuss the possibilities of a resort to arms. Army circles are particularly active, and at the military clubs the officers are mainly engaged in making comparison of the forces of France and Germany. While the financial leaders scout the idea of war, yet the speculative element has been quick to seize the opportunity to raid French rentes, which, when they closed Saturday night, showed a fall on one franc eight centimes within the week. The official view is that the situation, while delicate, does not present any aspect of danger or a crisis involving a rupture of relations. This is the governmental view, and naturally presents the most favorable aspect of the controversy. However, the ambassadors of the leading powers express impartial opinions fully sustaining the view of the government. It is pointed out in diplomatic quarters that the worst aspect of the Moroccan question does not present a casus belli.

An analysis of the controversy shows that the sultan of Morocco invited the powers to a conference. Germany urges the powers, including France, to accept Premier Rouvier's latest note shows the willingness of France to consider a conference if Germany explains her purposes, but even should France decline to accept this, refusal of the invitation does not constitute a case for war. A diplomat summed up the situation by saying that the complete failure of the present negotiations would not mean war, as the controversy then would proceed along new lines. It would doubt-

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Any one intending to canvass for these ranges should write to this office at once for instructions, and printed matter.

All votes recorded in the Times will be held and be open for the inspection by any candidate until after the contest closes.

GOV. FOLK DEFIED BY SHERIFF.

The Latter Is Threatened With Removal.

St. Louis, June 26.—Gov. Folk's order to stop race-track gambling in Missouri, with the aid of the militia if necessary, Saturday met defeat at the hands of the sheriff of St. Louis county, John Herpel, who says he will not aid the race track or call for troops, and that if the governor sends troops to molest any one, the soldiers will be arrested, possibly shot, says a St. Louis dispatch Saturday. When informed that night at Jefferson City of the statement of Sheriff Herpel of St. Louis county, Gov. Folk said that in addition to stopping the alleged violations of the betting law at Delmar track, he would take steps forthwith for the removal of Sheriff Herpel and County Prosecuting Attorney Johnston for "their utter disregard of their official oaths."

Status on Brass.

An authority declares that the blackest stains on brass will yield to oxalic acid and chamomile. The acid should be used with the utmost caution, of course, and the bottle, if any acid be left, placed absolutely out of reach of irresponsible members of the family.

SCANDAL THE THEME

But One Topic Which British Are Discussing.

KITCHENER AS "AUTOCRAT"

Army Affairs Come in for Major Share of Attention of the British Public at This Time.

New York, June 26.—The Evening Post, in a copyright cable from London says:

Scandal is the keyword of the week in British politics. Englishmen without distinction of party felt profoundly uncomfortable, even humiliated, by the reflection that, despite a long procession of reforming war ministers and schemes of reconstruction, the British army still is exposed, under war pressure, and for years afterward, to the grossest waste of public money with a complete absence of the most ordinary business supervision, while there exists a strong presumption of personal corruption on the part of certain officers.

A royal commission with special semi-judicial powers will sift the personal and general charges of corruption and mismanagement, and next week the House of Commons, at the instance of the Liberal leaders, sets itself to consider how far the ministers themselves are responsible.

The Spectator says:

"No one pretends for a moment either that the ministers are corrupt themselves, or that they knowingly have sheltered people who were corrupt. The royal commission in this sense will not be trying them. Quite apart from the commission, however, the House of Commons has to consider whether the government as a whole and the various secretaries of state for war were or were not negligent when they failed to take advantage of the repeated warnings given to them, whether the circumstances were too powerful for them and they became the victims of such circumstances rather than men guilty of any want of care and forethought in the public interest."

It was on the allegations of a cordite scandal that a Liberal ministry was unseated. If the electorate had a chance today, and the ministry was not entrenched behind a majority of 80, it is scarcely doubted that a similar fate would attend the Balfour government today.

By a significant coincidence, the moment that sees the British army system in chaos under civil control finds the military chief of the Indian army compelling the British ministry to acquiesce in the practical riddance from civil control of the Indian army. The government's enemies allege that Mr. Balfour and his colleagues are quite unconscious of the grave political constitutional change which they have so lightly made. In the words of the Manchester Guardian: "The question with them rather was whether it would be better for the Conservative party, from whose welfare they think the welfare of the country is inseparable, that Lord Kitchener, lately a popular hero, should resign, or that Gen. Sir Edmund Elles, the military member of the Viceroy's council, whose name most people in England never have heard. Of course, there is the only answer to a question asked in the interests of immediate comfort. Lord Kitchener must be conciliated. It is true that the unanimous opinion of the Viceroy's cabinet is that to conciliate is dangerous to the state; but, reflects the government, we have survived the damaging blue books, and another military resignation will burst the khaki drum forever. So Gen. Elles goes and Lord Kitchener stays."

Now that India is to have her military autocrat, will England be ultimately led to seek relief from the persistent muddle of civil control in a similar momentous departure from her constitutional safeguard against militarism?

The greatest interest has been excited by the discovery of Prof. Burke of the Cavendish laboratory, which may be summarized thus: After years of negative experimentation on the phosphorescence of cyanogen, which Plüger declared to contain the element of life, Mr. Burke resolved to test it with radium and placed it in the test tube with sterilized bouillon. After a couple of days, cultures were obtained of atoms, which sub-divided on reaching a certain size. Placed upon fresh portions of